



# TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

## TOWN BULLETIN

### OCTOBER 2009

WABA	7:00pm Thursday	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Leber
TOWN COUNCIL	7:00pm Tuesday	October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hillberg
PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00pm Thursday	October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Harpster
Woodlands Work Party	9:00am Saturday	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Woodlands

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SALES TAX NUMBER: #1703

**MARSHAL REPORT: "Lock it or lose it"** - Please remember to lock your doors. \$30,000 in jewelry was burglarized from one home in BAV the past month. Apparently, this house was cased long enough to learn the resident's patterns because it was entered during the only time the door was left unlocked each day. Stealing your possessions is some people's full-time "job"; some are very good at it; they watch our houses and might even observe where outside "spare" keys are hidden. It is notable that, in most, if not all thefts in BAV have occurred when doors & windows are left unlocked. Attached are security reminders from the King County Sheriff's office.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** At the September 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting:

- At the request of a resident, the Council may consider amending the animal-control code to allow residents to keep miniature goats under certain circumstances.
- The Council held a public hearing to hear comments on a proposed ordinance regulating the use and development of Town rights of way. During a lively discussion, several residents provided comments at the meeting, while others submitted their written comments in advance to Clerk-Treasurer Spens. Based on these comments, Council members Hillberg and Clemett will revise the proposed ordinance and present that revision at the October Council meeting. A copy of the new draft will be available on the Town website (hopefully no later than October 6<sup>th</sup>).
- The Council continued its discussion of a City of Bellevue proposal for improvements along the 108<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE corridor. After spending a considerable amount of time reviewing various pieces of correspondence and synopses of meeting to date, the Council determined that the Town should not consider de-annexing the property, since the potential negative impacts on the BAV residents whose property borders this right of way are considerable and include loss of trees, loss of privacy, and increased noise. In addition, the Town would lose the ability to control future improvements made along that stretch of the 108<sup>th</sup> corridor. Mayor Leider will write a letter to Bellevue Mayor Degginger explaining the reasons for declining to de-annex and expressing the concerns of these neighbors. The Council will also consider other simpler options for maintaining and/or improving this right of way.
- The Council authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with The Watershed Company to begin a biological assessment of the Town's waterfront as a part of the update of the Town's Shoreline Management Program. This update is required by state statute and is funded, in part, by a grant from the state Dept. of Ecology.
- Councilmember Stowe presented his work to date on a review of the Water Department's rates. This work will be ongoing as part of the development of the Town's 2010 Budget.

For those interested, the list of candidates running for BAV Council in the November election are listed at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/elections/200911/contestscandidates.aspx#City>.

**SOUND TRANSIT East Link Update:** Sound Transit is currently designing the **East Link**\* preferred alternative, which includes making modifications that were identified by the Sound Transit Board of Directors in May 2009. Sound Transit's East Link project team is seeking public participation at interactive workshops focused on advancing preliminary engineering. The workshops will be held throughout Bellevue on the evenings of October 12, 14 & 15. See Sound Transit's website for more details at: [www.soundtransit.org](http://www.soundtransit.org).

\*East Link is Sound Transit's voter-approved project to build light rail between Seattle and Overlake. Sound Transit is also conducting environmental review on the future extension between Overlake and downtown Redmond. The Sound Transit Board of Directors recently identified a preferred East Link alternative with eastside stations serving Mercer Island, south Bellevue, downtown Bellevue, Bel-Red, Overlake, and downtown Redmond, connecting to Seattle via I-90..

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2009** at Mike Hillberg's house.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VACANCY:** There is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment, the Town body that hears all requests for and renders all decisions on variances to the Town's Zoning Code. While BOA positions have four-year terms, the term for the current vacancy ends on December 31, 2010 and is eligible for reappointment. If you are interested in serving on this important board, please contact Mayor Leider. Questions? Please contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp for more information.

**NEXT WABA MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the Western Academy of Beaux Arts Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, October 1, 2009** at Leslie Leber's house.

**WABA CLERK POSITION AVAILABLE:** WABA is saddened that Gail D'Alessio is stepping aside from her Clerk position in December. She has done a fabulous job and the Board thanks her for her efforts. The WABA Clerk is a paid position and a great way for a new member to start getting involved with WABA and the neighborhood, or a low key way for a long term member to get back involved without the "burden of office." Hours are entirely self-directed but the Clerk should attend Board meetings (some absences are acceptable). A computer, email, and printer are essential. The Green Book, Section 11 has a specific job description but in general, the Clerk is responsible for safeguarding the minutes and WABA permanent documents stored off site, conducting mailings such as assessments and winter dinner notices, distributing the Green Book and its updates, handling beach reservations, providing vehicle ID stickers, and keeping up on new owners and renters and assisting them with membership applications. Please contact Gail D'Alessio with any informational questions. If you would like to apply, please contact WABA President Dan Bridges.

**HALLOWEEN:** October is here and that means Halloween!!! Beaux Arts Village has held Halloween parties for the children in the past at various residents' homes/garages. It has usually been the weekend nearest Halloween and held during the afternoon or an evening. It is a very fun tradition and one the children really enjoy! We need a host or coordinator to help plan this Village Halloween party. Would one of you be willing to chair this event? Maybe a few friends could plan it together. The more volunteers, the easier on all! Please email Becky Ryals ASAP if you are interested in helping with this event. It would really be "spooktacular" if you did!

**WINTER DINNER:** It is already time to start thinking about the upcoming Beaux Arts Winter Dinner scheduled for sometime in January. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for Villagers to socialize with neighbors of old, and acquaint themselves with new members. The annual meeting is held, a delicious dinner is served, and entertainment typically concludes the evening. The WABA Board wants Winter Dinner attendance to be a priority for Villagers. Although attendance has been strong, it has been brought to the Board's attention that very few Newcomers (residents of less than two years) attended last year's dinner. The Board's goal is for the event to be fun, informative, and something that all Villagers want to attend. Therefore, we are asking your help in planning for our 2010 Winter Dinner. Within the next week, you will be receiving a short, simple questionnaire. Your input will help us immensely in planning a successful Winter Dinner. We will also invite you, upon the completion of the questionnaire, to the WABA web site for additional comments. Thank you and we look forward to your responses!

Becky Ryals is also looking for Villagers who are interested in helping co-chair the 2010 Winter Dinner. The volunteers who signed-up to co-chair the event have either moved or will be away on vacation during the planning phase of the Dinner. Please email Becky if you are interested. Thank you.

**BEACHMASTER REPORT:** Please help prevent an accidental fire by using the 2 designated fire pits for your beach fire. The barbecue pits are not designed for beach fires as they do not prevent logs from rolling out nor do a good job at containing sparks. Before leaving your fire, break the fire down by spreading out the logs and coals. Thanks for your assistance. – Beach master Forrest

**DOCKMASTER REPORT:** Boating season is drawing to a close, but the weather has been great! It's a great time to squeeze in some late-season boating, and the lake has been smooth. During the past couple of months the BARF season wrapped up, a few new boats joined the marina, and many burned out light bulbs were replaced on the docks. I'm preparing for annual inspections and repairs, so contact me if you know of any areas that might need attention. We currently have one 36' slip and a few smaller seasonal slips vacant and available. I continue to ask that boaters who rarely or infrequently use their boat please seriously consider their future plans. The wait list for 24 foot slips (water-ski boat slips) is very long and growing. It only seems fair to give others a chance to make use of the marina. Please think about your plans now or over autumn and winter. – Dock master Bernard

**WOODLANDS REPORT:** The annual Woodlands work party will be October 17, 2009 from 9am to Noon. We really need helping hands to spread mulch, plant and weed. I know everyone is busy, but please try to lend a hand. The WABA beach and Woodlands are a valuable asset to all of us, but they don't take care of themselves. Now is a chance to give back something to your community. Bring your tools, gloves and wheelbarrows. Snacks provided. Come on down and mingle with your neighbors and get to know them better. The Woodlands Committee will be putting out flags in the Woodlands to indicate fall planting plans in early October. For questions or donations call Sheila Justus, Woodlands Manager

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to the families that came to watch and help at the 1<sup>st</sup> Beaux Arts Talent Show, hosted by the Eulau family on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The children's acts were very entertaining and the ice cream sundaes were a nice way to say goodbye to summer.

Thank you to Julia Morse, Cyndy Morlock, Brooke Van Wyk, Pam Donoghue, Becky Ryals, Elizabeth & Trevor Leider, Joann Bromberg, Ann Boynton, and Jan Johnston, for assisting me with the architectural tour last Sunday for "Initiatives in Art & Culture". Thank you also to Matt and Leslie Leber for tour bus parking advice. We had 40 visitors past 8 of our oldest homes (3 of them open) and it went very well! – Angela Kulp

Thank you to over 40 neighbors that have signed up to help the Dempster's after their email plea. They appreciate your assistance and are very grateful for the community's rally on their behalf! See Angela Kulp for more info.

**BUILDING NEWS-** All appropriate permits were issued by the Beaux Arts Building Dept. in September for:  
10605 SE 29<sup>th</sup> St.: Garage Enclosure  
10643 SE 29<sup>th</sup> St.: Bathroom Remodel  
10601 SE 29<sup>th</sup> St.: Bathroom Remodel  
2812 – 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SE: Water Heater

**LOST AND FOUND:** The following items found at the *north beach* are still waiting to be claimed:  
Set of keys-Xbox keychain See Angela Kulp (found August 9<sup>th</sup> after the picnic)  
Set of keys See Gail D'Alessio (found after the Robert Vasen Foundation Swim, July 26<sup>th</sup>)

#### **NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?**

- Contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens if you have questions about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns.  
Email: [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov)  
Phone: (425) 454-8580  
Mail: 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp if you have questions about the building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment.  
Email: [bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov)  
Phone: (425) 269-6985  
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- To report Block watch concerns, contact:  
Town Marshal Walter Scott: (425) 454-2573  
Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster: (425) 746-0757